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Concise Explanation of Japanese Reference

Reference 3

Horiuchi, T., Jikken Igaku (Experimental Medicine), 13, 44-52 (1995)

This reference reviews relationship between blocking of replication fork and homologous recombination in *Escherichia coli*. Hot DNA is a homologous recombination hotspot in *E. coli*. Blocking of replication fork at Ter site requires tau (tus) gene.

This reference also mentions that *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* has a similar system; HOT1 is a homologous recombination hotspot in *S. cerevisiae*, blocking site of replication fork locates in HOT1, and fob gene is required both for blocking of replication fork and for hotspot activity of HOT1.

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